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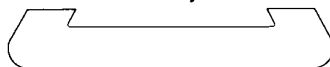
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**MODIFIED SS-18 UPPER CANISTER SECTION
DOMBAROVSKIY ICBM RAIL-TO-ROAD TRANSFER POINT, USSR**

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: THE FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF A MODIFIED SS-18 [] UPPER CANISTER SECTION.

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2. (SWN) REMARKS: THE MODIFIED [] CANISTER SECTION DIFFERS FROM THE STANDARD [] CANISTER SECTION IN THE SIZE AND CONFIGURATION OF THE ACCESS PANELS. THREE PANELS WERE VISIBLE ON THE MODIFIED SECTION; ONE WAS L-SHAPED AND TWO WERE RECTANGULAR. THE PANELS WERE POSITIONED HIGHER UP, LEAVING A SPACE OF ABOUT ONE METER BETWEEN THE LOWER PANELS AND THE BOTTOM OF THE SECTION. ON THE STANDARD CANISTER SECTION, RECTANGULAR PANELS ARE LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM AND A SQUARE PANEL IS POSITIONED ABOVE THEM. THERE IS LITTLE OR NO SPACE BETWEEN THE LOWER PANELS AND THE BOTTOM OF THE STANDARD CANISTER SECTION.

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(SWN) THE MODIFIED CANISTER SECTION WAS FIRST SEEN IN THE RAIL-TO-ROAD TRANSFER POINT [] AND REMAINED IN THE SAME LOCATION [] IT WAS NOT PRESENT [] DURING THIS PERIOD OF TIME. TWO LAUNCH GROUPS AT DOMBAROVSKIY SSM COMPLEX [] WERE BEING UPGRADED TO ACCOMMODATE THE SS-18 MOD-4. THE TEN SILOS IN LAUNCH GROUP A WERE UNDERGOING MODIFICATION/STANDARDIZATION, AND THE SIX SILOS IN LAUNCH GROUP E WERE UNDERGOING SS-18 MOD-4 RETROFIT/PERIODIC MAINTENANCE (PM). THEREFORE, AT THIS TIME WE CANNOT DETERMINE WHICH LAUNCH GROUP THE MODIFIED SECTION WAS INTENDED FOR.

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3. (S) [] COORDINATES 51-01-30N 059-48-06E.

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